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WALT MASON.

Danger!

A Conan Doyle's remarkable novelette, written just before the war opened, warning England of a possible submarine war on her commerce. Sherlock Holmes' creator shows England starving while an enemy's under-water craft ruled the seas. First installment in today's Star, continued tomorrow, ends Monday.

The Invasion of America

A remarkable series which starts tomorrow in the Sunday Star, telling the cold truth in fiction form about our military establishment.

A "WANDERLUSTERS" THANKS.

Appreciation of The Star's Efforts in Behalf of Nature Study.

To the Editor of The Star:

I desire to express my appreciation of your excellent editorial in Monday's paper on the "Wanderlusts." I am sure that I voice the sentiments of all the hikers, especially those who have been on our trips since their inauguration, almost a year ago, when I state that we have all been benefited in even more ways than those enumerated in the article referred to. Many, for the first time, have had the dormant love of nature and the beautiful brought out; the esthetic has been developed and aided to a really wonderful degree, and even those persons least susceptible to these things and to the development of the spiritual side have had their eyes opened to the beauties of Washington's environs and suburbs. In every way this movement has been very commendable, and The Washington Star has good reason to be proud of what it has accomplished through its generosity in furthering the interest in these walks in every way possible, giving liberally of valuable space regularly, and loyally boosting the hikers. Your paper can rightly claim all the credit for the success of the movement, which has been of infinitely more good to the people attending these walks than any other kind of a contest or popular scheme that any newspaper is capable of. For the hikers, I thank you for this interest.

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A. S. Quintard to Go to Norfolk.

Alexander Shepherd Quintard, for some time connected with the Washington office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, is to leave this city April 1 for Norfolk, Va., to take up the duties of the position of local cashier for the same company. Mr. Quintard is the grandson of Alexander Shepherd, former Governor of the District of Columbia. He has taken a prominent part in aquatic sports during his residence in Washington, being a member of the Potomac Boat Club and of the winning four-oared crew of that association last year. He has many friends in Norfolk.

B. H. Ridder to Address Press Club.

B. Herman Ridder of the New York Staats-Zeitung has accepted an invitation to speak this evening at the National Press Club. His address will touch on "Pro-Germanism" and "Pro-German Americanism." He will speak in English.

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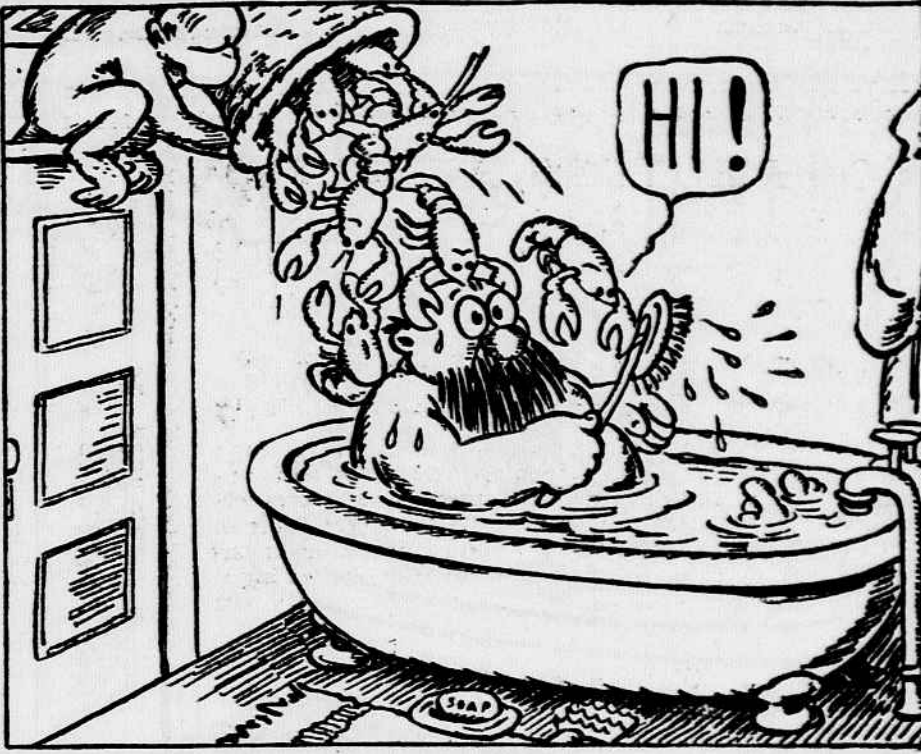
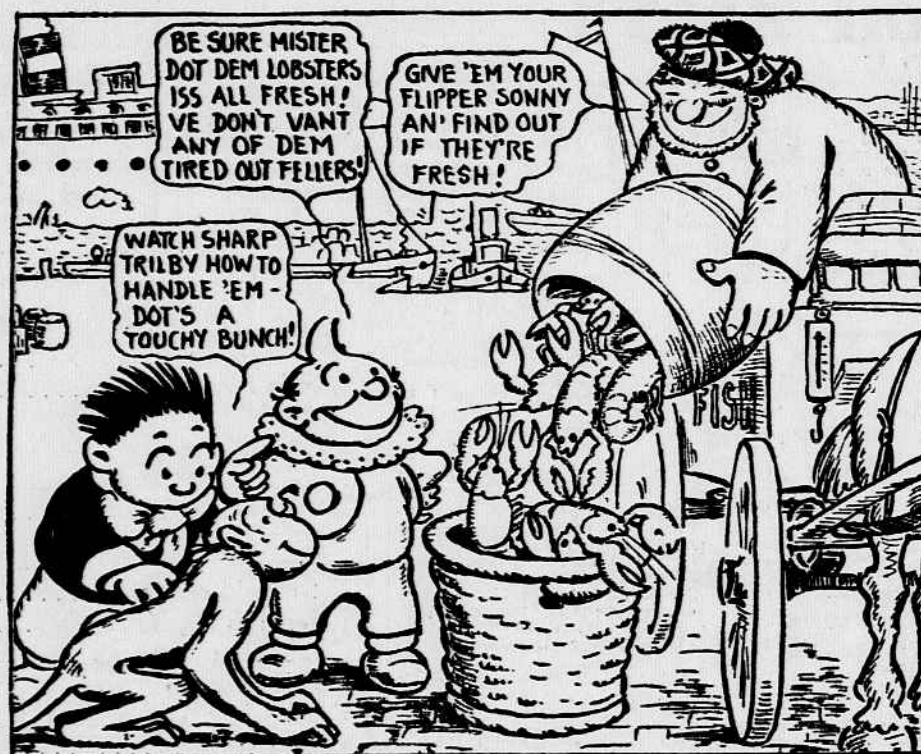
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To Be Continued in The Sunday Star Comic Section Tomorrow.

SHOULD WATCH FIRES DURING CITY CLEAN-UP

Other Dangers Confront Citizens in Making a Spotless Capital.

Avoidance of accidents during the clean-up-paint-up campaign, which is to open April 19 and close May 1, is a need almost as great as the actual clean-up work that is to be done during the two weeks. Danger from fires on vacant lots may be avoided by exercising care and watchfulness, and by warning children to keep away from piles of burning trash. Such fires should never be set except by grown persons, and should never be left until the last spark has burned out or been extinguished.

Danger of Explosions.

Many persons do not know that it is not necessary for gasoline and benzine to come in contact with flame in order to explode. The vapors of these fluids will ignite from an exposed flame even when the vessels containing them are removed to a considerable distance from the flame, and the resulting explosion and fire may be precisely as serious as if the fluid itself came in direct contact with the flame.

PLAN BALTIMORE TRIP.

Students of G. W. U. to Inspect Manufacturing Plants.

The chemical and engineering societies of the George Washington University are preparing for their annual inspection trip to Baltimore, to be made April 17. Plans for the expedition are in the hands of John Francisco Brockwell, president of the Chemical Society.

Addresses Scheduled by Home Club.

Director George Otis Smith of the geological survey is scheduled to deliver an address at the Home Club Monday night, which has been designated as geological survey night. Next Friday Miss Lucy Burns, vice chairman of the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage, is scheduled to speak.

CELEBRATION SUGGESTED ON BIRTHDAY OF PEACE

Fiftieth Anniversary of Surrender at Appomattox Should Be Made Jubilee, Says Lieut. Rounds.

Observation in a fitting manner of the fiftieth anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox and the restoration of peace between the states is suggested by Lieut. Rounds of Round's of Manassas, president of the United States Veteran Signal Corps Association. Such a ceremony, in the belief of Lieut. Rounds, would bring to a fitting close the jubilee which began at Manassas in 1911 and culminated at Gettysburg in 1913.

Lieut. Rounds has taken the matter up with Representative Flood of Virginia and with others interested in preserving the historical associations of Appomattox, all of those to whom the matter has been broached having expressed willingness to co-operate in holding suitable ceremonies on the site of the closing struggle and final surrender which marked the close of the war between the states.

Views of Lieut. Rounds.

"It seems to me," said Lieut. Rounds, "that the greatest American jubilee, which began at Manassas in 1911, and culminated at Gettysburg in 1913, and which 'broke loose' at Chattanooga, Memphis, Vicksburg and other points, ought to have in 1915 an appropriate official ending at Appomattox. The place could not accommodate a crowd, nor is a great big affair necessary or even desirable, but I think we could have a representative gathering, with addresses by Gen. Whitaker and other veterans who were present, the story of Wilmer McLean, Jr., who was ten years old when Grant and Lee called on his parents without invitation, and mutual congratulations between the blue and the gray that America learned her lessons from war fifty years ago, and now stands as the exponent of peace while the world is at war."

"I should hope that Gen. Whitaker might obtain from the National Museum the white towel which he received on the morning of April 9 from Capt. Sims of Longstreet's staff, and that he might carry it to Appomattox as a perpetual truce between the states of the American Union."

Refers to Mrs. Mercer's Hymn.

Lieut. Rounds further suggests that Mary Speed Mercer of North Carolina, author of the hymn written for the fiftieth anniversary celebration at Appomattox in 1911, might participate in the suggested closing jubilee celebration.

"Mrs. Mercer grasped the significance of the occasion best," he says, "in the stanza of her Manassas hymn which runs: 'America! All hail to thee! Thanks to the God who made us free! North, South, East, West, hand clasped in hand, United we, thy children, stand.'"

Plans of the "Sunrise" Hikers.

"The sunrise section" of the wanderlusts is to take a hike through the canyon of the Patuxent tomorrow if the weather is good. G. A. Gambs is to be the leader. The party is to take the Laurel electric car at 15th and G streets northwest at 8:15 a.m. The party is to follow the river one bank for several miles, then crossing a bridge, return to Laurel by the other bank. It is planned to leave Laurel for the return to Washington at 4:30 p.m., reaching Washington at 6 o'clock. The trip will cost 50 cents in addition to two car tickets.

LECTURE ON BIRDS GIVEN BY PROF. WELLS W. COOK

Wanderlusts Hear Habits of Feathered Visitors to District Described.

A lecture by Prof. Wells W. Cook on "Birds Which Frequent Washington and Vicinity" was enjoyed by the wanderlusts and their friends at the Public Library Thursday evening. Among the many birds described, depicting their various habits, were: The chimney sweep, one of the most numerous of birds which visit this country, but whose winter quarters are still unknown; the scarlet-tanager, one of the prettiest of birds and changeable in color, from a yellowish green to a very bright red; the golden plover, which in migratory season makes a continuous flight of 2,500 miles in about fifty hours, and the arctic tern, which covers a distance of more than 22,000 miles in its annual flight from arctic to arctic, and enjoys more sunlight than any other animal. Prof. Cook described the flying qualities of an average bird as eight times more efficient than the best man has yet devised.

For the walk tomorrow afternoon the hikers will leave from Cabin John bridge promptly at 2:30 o'clock, covering a distance of five miles up Cabin John run, across by road to the river and then by trails to some point on the Glen Echo car line. L. W. York will lead.

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CHANGE IN TRUNK MAIN OF CITY WATER SYSTEM

Removal From 14th Street Road of Section of Pipe Connecting With Brightwood Reservoir.

J. S. Garland, the new superintendent of the District's water department, is directing the removal of a big section of the thirty-six-inch trunk main that conveys water to the Brightwood reservoir. The section in question consists of 1,500 feet of pipe in 14th Street road between 14th and 16th streets. It will be replaced with 2,000 feet of pipe in Meridian between 14th and 16th streets and in 16th street between Meridian and Spring road. Removal of the old section was made necessary on account of the filling in of the valley at that point.

The department was confronted with the necessity of abandoning the 1,500 feet of pipe unless it were removed at an early date, or purchasing new pipe. It decided to recover the old material and use it in the new connection. This will mean a considerable saving to the District.

While the trunk main is out of commission water is being pumped direct into the second high service, so that no inconvenience has been caused consumers. It is anticipated that the new section will be installed in about two weeks, after which water will again be pumped direct into the Brightwood reservoir.

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The executors of the estate of the late Amel L. Barber has compromised a claim of William H. Colbran of England for the lease by Mr. Barber of certain property in London.

A consent verdict for \$20,000 has been rendered in favor of the Englishman by a jury in Circuit Division 2 of the District Supreme Court. Attorney, Lucas P. Loving and W. E. Lester represented the plaintiff. Attorney A. S. Worthington appeared for the estate.

Debate Short-Ballot System.

The proposition "That the short ballot system of election should be adopted in municipal and state elections" was discussed by the Columbia Debating Society last night at a meeting held in the New Masonic Temple.

The winning team, which held the affirmative, was composed of Messrs. Callender and Johannesen, while the negative opinion was handled by Messrs. Morehouse and Taylor. Mr. H. Francis presided. Messrs. Stovall, Bacon and Larkin acted as judges.

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